

SENATE BILL 3000

By Barnes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-102 and Section 37-2-402, relative to adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-402, is amended by adding the following language to the end of subdivision (10)(A)(ii):

The efforts of the department or agency to assist a parent or guardian in establishing a suitable home for the child shall always be deemed reasonable if such efforts exceed the efforts of the parent or guardian toward the same goal, when the parent or guardian is aware that the child is in the custody of the department;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-102, is amended by adding the following language to the end of subdivision (1)(A)(ii):

The efforts of the department or agency to assist a parent or guardian in establishing a suitable home for the child shall always be deemed reasonable if such efforts exceed the efforts of the parent or guardian toward the same goal, when the parent or guardian is aware that the child is in the custody of the department;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.